

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 9 and 20 to 46 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

B' 7(Twice amended). A method of treating a patient having chronic HCV infection which comprises administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a combination therapy of interferon-alfa and ribavirin for a time sufficient to substantially lower HCV-RNA in association with a therapeutically effective amount of Vitamin E and Vitamin C for a time sufficient to ameliorate ribavirin-related hemolysis.